



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Hope A. Robinson

Group Art Unit : 1653

Applicants : Slobodan Vukicevic et al.

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FOR : REPAIR OF LARYNX, TRACHEA, AND OTHER

FIBROCARTILAGINOUS TISSUES

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Official Action dated December 23, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00,

04/27/2004 SDIRETA1 00000019 09828607 01 FC:1251 110.00 OP in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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